

Why does the watershed need our protection?

For thousands of years the area was sparsely populated due to the lack of water, and other resources. After the arrival of the Anglo-settlers the water resources were developed. These water features enable us to work, recreate and thrive in this beautiful corner of Utah.

Unfortunately, areas within the Kanab Creek Watershed have been disused, and the quality of the water needs to improve.

Wise-use of our natural resources will ensure that our soil, water, vegetation, air and animal populations will be available for current and future generations.



What can we do to protect our watershed?

- 1) Protect riparian zone. Practice 'Best Management Practices' for livestock grazing.
- 2) Landscape with native vegetation.
- 3) Never discard chemicals or trash into storm drains, waterways, or into the street.
- 4) Use agricultural and other chemicals wisely. When possible use chemical alternatives.
- 6) Compost agricultural waste, and dispose of pet waste properly.
- 8) Create a "Water Watch" and Storm Water Coalition group at local schools, or at citizen community level.
- 9) Develop water conservation habits at and at work.

Let us know how you feel about our watershed by taking an online survey at: <http://kanecountycd.wix.com/kanecounty-cd>

Remember everyone lives downstream!

Important Watershed Resources

Utah Association of Conservation Districts
<http://www.uacd.org/>
Kane County Conservation District
<http://kanecountycd.wix.com/kanecounty-cd>
Utah State University Extension: Agriculture and Water Quality
<http://extension.usu.edu/waterquality/html/agriculturew>
Utah State University: Water Watch
<https://extension.usu.edu/utahwaterwatch/>
NRCS: Emergency Watershed Protection
<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/ut/programs/planning/ewpp/>
Utah Department of Environmental Quality
<http://www.deq.utah.gov/FactSheets/fspages/Watershed.htm>
Canyon Country CWMA
<http://www.utahweed.org/cwma.htm>

About Us & Contact Info

If you fish, bird-watch, hike, go boating, camp, eat vegetables, garden, drink water, swim or breath...

You already benefit from the work of your local Conservation District. The purpose of each Conservation District is to provide local leadership in the conservation of our nation's precious natural resources; soil, water, air, plants and animals.

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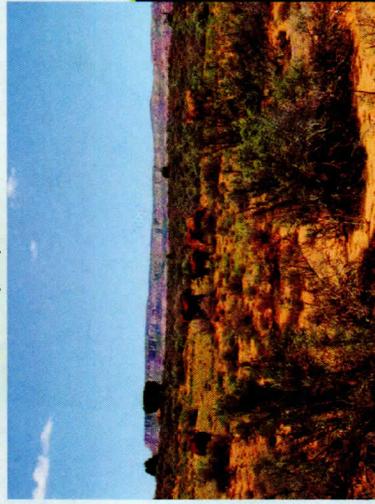
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Kane County Conservation District

Kanab Creek Watershed and You

Working in partnership with state, federal land management and conservation agencies to obtain educational, technical and financial resources to plan and complete conservation projects.



Farming, ranching and recreation are important to Kane Counties economy.

Photo: SGoldberry



What's in a name?



One of the first ways that we learn is by naming items. Similar to the specific name given to an individual when they are born, the land and water we live near also have unique names.

Photo: Kanab Creek Watershed
SGoldberry

Many areas in Kane County have names that were given by some of the first human inhabitants—the Kaibab Paiute Tribe. The word “Kanab” in Paiute translates to “Place of Willows.” Even though Kanab Creek is different now, the presence of willows (*Salix exigua* and other species) still indicates a healthy, watershed.



Salix exigua (Coyote Willow)
Photo @Al Schneider,
www.swcoloradowildflowers.com

What watershed do you live in?

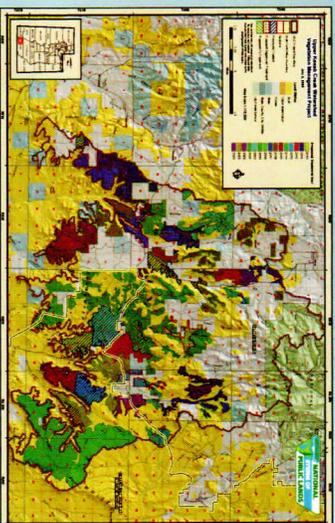
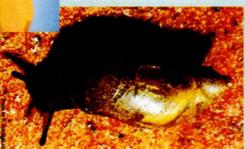


Image of Kanab Creek Watershed Treatments:
Bureau of Land Management, Utah

Kane County, Utah, also called the “Heart of the Parks,” is situated within some of the most striking geological wonders on earth. The majestic plateaus, canyons and other land forms were shaped by ancient plate tectonics; wind, and our most precious resource—water.

One of our main sources of water is Kanab Creek, and its’ tributaries. There are also many unique plant and animals living in the Kanab Creek watershed that need our protection.

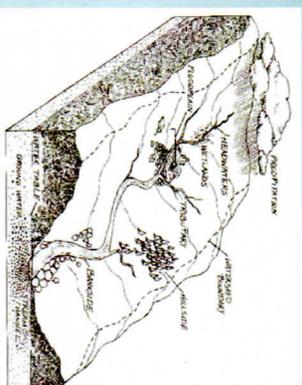
Can you name one, or two of these?



(L-R) Sage Grouse, Welsh's Milkweed, Amber Snail
Photos: Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (Phil Douglas), US
Fish and Wildlife

What is a watershed?

A watershed is an area of land that gathers and releases water into a common drainage.



A tributary of the Colorado River, the headwaters of Kanab Creek originate below the rim of the Pansaugant and Markagunt Plateaus near Alton, Utah. Flowing 29.7 miles south to the Utah-Arizona state line, it passes through alternating bedrock and alluvial reaches as it flows down the Grand Staircase; a series of cliffs formed in Mesozoic sandstone.

The Kanab Creek Watershed drains 2,313 square miles of southern Utah and Northern Arizona before entering the Colorado River.

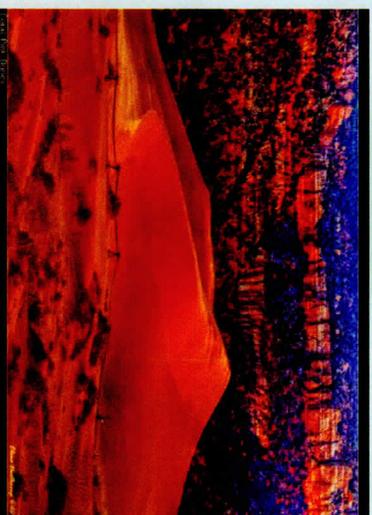


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